

ORDINANCE NO. 00498

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF SECTION 6, KING COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 204 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 444, RELATING TO COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PROHIBITING ACTS RESULTING IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST; ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS FOR KING COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

Section 1. Section 6 KING COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 00204 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

JURISDICTION. There is hereby created a Board of Ethics, composed of three members ((one)) to be appointed by the County Executive and ((one-to-be-appointed-by-two-thirds-vote-of-the-County Council-and-the-third-and-one;-who-shall-be-the-chairman;-to-be appointed-by-the-other-two-members)) confirmed by the County Council. The terms of the Board members shall be three years. The first three members shall be appointed for one, two and three year terms respectively. The chairman shall have a three year term, the other terms are to be determined by lot. A member of the Board of Ethics may be removed for just cause by a two-thirds vote by the County Council, but not the County Executive, after written charges have been served on a member and a public hearing has been held by the County Council. The Board shall be advisory and shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be open or closed to the public at the discretion of the Board.

Whenever requested by a County officer or employee or whenever it deems it in the public interest, the Board shall render advisory opinions, in writing, concerning questions of ethics, conflicts of interest, and the applicability of this ordinance. A written copy of the Board's opinion shall be delivered to the person requesting the opinion. The Board may publish their advisory opinions, but only with such omissions as may be necessary or proper to protect

1 the confidence and privacy of the County officers and employees.

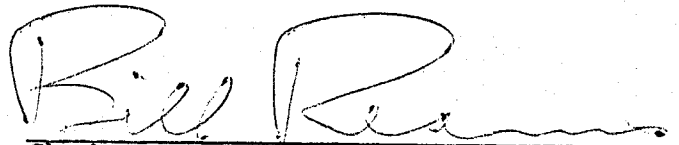
2 A Board on its own motion, may investigate any suspected or
3 alleged violation of this ordinance. The Board shall investigate
4 all written complaints with regard to violation of this ordinance.
5 The Board may administer oath in connection with any matter under
6 inquiry. Any witness in a proceeding before the Board of Ethics,
7 shall have the right to be represented by counsel.

8 The Board shall render a written decision when it has concluded
9 its investigation. Copies of the opinion may be delivered to the
10 appropriate county officers or released to the public at the dis-
11 cretion of the Board. A copy of the opinion shall be presented to
12 the person or organization which was the subject of the investiga-
13 tion. No opinion, after an investigation, may be issued unless the
14 person complained against has had an opportunity to have a fair
15 hearing. Any person being investigated may demand a public hearing.


16 INTRODUCED this 15th day of June, 1970.

17 PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting thereof on the
18 22nd day of June, 1970.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

24 ATTESTED:

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26 Clerk of the Council
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28 APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1970.

DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.

30 ORDINANCE READINGS

31 1st 6-15-70

2nd 6-22-70

32 3rd 6-22-70

Effective Date,

DATED: July 6, 1970
King County Executive